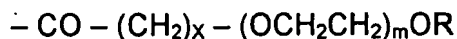


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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A conjugate consisting of a NK4 molecule and a polyethylene glycol group having a molecular weight of from about ~~20~~ 30 to about 40 kDa, wherein said polyethylene glycol group has the formula



and said -CO group forms an amide bond with one of the amino groups of the N-terminal fragment of said NK4, wherein

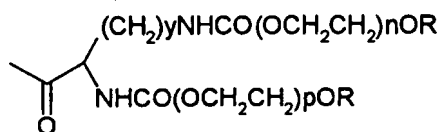
X is 2 or 3;

m is from about 450 to about 950;

R is (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Withdrawn) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein said polyethylene glycol group has the formula



and said -CO group forms an amide bond with one of the amino groups of the N-terminal fragment of said NK4 molecule,

wherein

y is from 1 to 10;

n and p together are from about 450 to about 950; and

R is (C₁-C₆)alkyl.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The conjugate according to claim 1, wherein said polyethylene glycol group is selected from monomethoxy polyethylene glycol groups.